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Today, and an Extra Session.

At this hour the die has been cast. The decision as to the complexion of the next House is now in the ballot boxes, and the country will know its character tomorrow.

It is stated that if the unexpected happens a landslide, giving the republicans a majority, the President will call this Congress together in extra session, in order to utilize all the time before March 4 for carrying out the program. Would that be justified, or good politics?

Such a result would be an emphatic condemnation of the democracy's record, congressional and otherwise, to date, and, in fairness, should operate as a check upon the republicans. The republicans of the program, respecting measures awaiting action. Why, then, in kind, to a record under heavy censure? It is two years since the democrats were voted in, and if their work is repudiated today, the later judgment should run against the former.

And this argument will hold good if the democrats retain control, but by a greatly reduced majority. A slender control, with its base in the south, and owing little to the sections where there are political contests, will mean a radical change in public sentiment. The year 1915 as should operate as a warning against unchecked progress in the path on which the democracy set out.

If the President wins; if in state races as in congressional races the returns show that the people are with him; if the House what he has already done, and expect him to keep on keeping on, then he can consult his pleasure and indulge his leisure about the future. The new leadership will stand so strongly against the need not consider the question of hurrying about anything. What this Congress at the short session lacks time to do, the next Congress at a special or at the regular long session can take up. Mr. Wilson will be most influential with both bodies, and what he says will "go."

A Congress divided against itself—a republican House standing opposed to a democratic Senate—should affect only domestic policies. As respects our bearing off of the European war there should be no trouble at all. It is the aim and desire of all parties to keep out. The war is not of our institution. We were on friendly terms with all the powers involved when they rushed to arms, and should remain so, no matter the benefit of the conflict, or the character of its termination.

But, as usual, we shall know more tomorrow than we do today, and tomorrow is almost here.

Tonight's Election Returns.

All Washingtonians who want to get the news of the election without delay are invited to attend The Star's bulletin display in front of The Star building this evening, beginning at about 6 o'clock and continuing as long as the returns justify. Arrangements have been made which will enable The Star to give the public the earliest possible and the fullest information respecting the count of the ballots in all quarters.

These bulletins will be thrown upon large screens by powerful searchlights, with pictorial accompaniments, including portraits and cartoons, so that all Washington can read the record of the election as rapidly as the telegraph and telephone wires can bring the news to this city.

In addition to the stereoscopic display The Star will issue such extra editions as the news warrants, to carry the tidings of the balloting to those who have been unable to get down town to read the returns upon the screens. With the campaign in progress in practically every state in the Union, the important political and social issues involved, and with personal fortunes at stake which are involved in the prospective alignment in the presidential race two years hence, and particularly with the control of the next House of Representatives in the balance, this election is of more than ordinary interest to the people of Washington, and The Star extends the heartiest invitation to all to be present at tonight's display of the news.

Announcements of decrease in railway earnings are calculated to make some of the great capitalists with the finger pointing themselves to the automobile business.

Within the next few hours a number of gentlemen who have been confidently forecasting victory will have to admit that they were mistaken.

Turkey's Remarkable Position.

The course of the Turkish government with respect to the warring powers of Europe would be laughable were it not for the hideousness of the present situation and the possibility that Turkish participation will enlarge the war zone and add to its terrors. Two German cruisers, pursued by hostile vessels, took refuge in Turkish waters. Under international law they should have been interned for the remainder of the war or compelled to emerge and fight or flee. Turkey, however, "thought" them from Germany and on protest from England entered rejoined that inasmuch as England had commandeered two cruisers, building for Turkey in English yards, she was justified for the same reason in the German ships so fortunately made available, as an offset against the recent purchase by Greece of two American warships.

The intimate relations between Germany and Turkey have from the outset of the catastrophe rendered the latter suspect to suspicion as to her good faith despite protestations of neutrality, and this suspicion has been accentuated by the retention on the coastwise German fleet of her original German officers. When the other day there were unprovoked hostilities against Russia in the Black Sea it was at first suspected that the German fleet was being delivered by the Turkish gov-

ernment, and preparations were at once made for resistance by England and Russia. But it quickly proved that the government itself had not ordered and did not sanction this war act, which was instigated apparently by the faction known as the Young Turks party. Now the government has actually apologized for the bombardment of the Russian coast, and has offered reparations, but is meanwhile massing troops on the Egyptian frontier with the obvious object of attacking that territory, particularly the Suez canal. Just how the ports will maintain neutrality now in the face of a disavowed action precipitated by a powerful faction is a puzzle.

Meanwhile there can be no doubt that the advent of Turkey into the war field is much less feared than it would have been a few years ago. The Balkan war proved that the Turkish military machine is by no means formidable and that the Turk is not an unbeatable soldier. Nor is the proclamation of a holy war as much dreaded as in former times. The leading Mohammedan authority in India is quoted in a dispatch received today to the effect that a Turkish appeal for a Moslem uprising against the British must be ignored, since the Moslems of India have prospered more abundantly under British domination than they could ever hope to prosper under Turkish sovereignty. The serious menace of this Turkish situation is that with reference to the Suez canal.

The Children's Charity.

The Star gives thanks to the people of Washington, and especially the children, for the remarkable success of the Christmas ship plan in this city. The response to the appeal for gifts to the war orphans of Europe and their mothers has been overwhelming, literally swamping the collection resources. It is certain now that the Washington contribution to the Jensen, which will sail a week from today, will be one of the largest in the country in proportion to the population. In goods alone the local donation to the cargo, it is estimated, will fill two freight cars, which are being loaded today. "The cash contributions, the few of goods, have mounted to a figure that was not believed possible at the outset of the undertaking. At noon today the fund amounted to \$1,000, with more coming in every mail and to hand every few minutes.

Never has there been a more generous response to appeal for a charity in this city. Larger funds have been raised, it is true, on occasions of floods and other disasters, but this has been peculiarly a children's charity, and the greater part of the goods and of the money have come from the little folks in small contributions. From the outset the children of Washington have espoused this cause with eager interest which has grown steadily. Literally the children have shown the way to the grown-ups of the District, and this is perhaps the most gratifying feature of the whole affair. In many cases the children have made sacrifices in order to give something to the Christmas ship in goods or in cash, and these goods have been the most welcome. Although the cars go today with the goods for the Jensen's hold, those given in kind and those purchased directly with the money subscribed through The Star, the contributions do not close absolutely. While no provision has been made for additional goods transport to New York, because of the lack of time, money can be still utilized for the purchase of goods in New York for direct delivery to the Jensen at the Bush Terminal in Brooklyn. So that those who were unable to contribute to the fund in season to send gifts with the main consignment can still subscribe, with the assurance that every penny given will be expended in serviceable clothing for the war orphans and for their mothers.

If Turkey raised a loan of \$50,000,000 from Germany with the understanding that it was to be used for war, the average Mussulman will regard the transaction as one combining business with pleasure.

A Sing Sing resident whose automobile ride is being investigated is suffering a nervous breakdown. Whether the breakdown is due to the investigation or the sport is not definitely indicated.

Mexico is developing the kind of statesmanship which enables a man to subordinate his own desire to win if he can manage to keep the other fellow down and out.

Money kings will possibly regard it as a violation of professional etiquette for the Rockefeller to let Europe have several hundred thousand dollars for which not a cent of interest is to be charged.

Parisians are in favor of changing the name of eau de Cologne to eau de Louvain. Even perfumery may be affected by patriotism.

The Boss Issue.

Rossion was a prominent issue in the campaign just closed. The bosses were "soaked" on all sides. In Illinois part of the opposition to Roger Sullivan was based on his boss-ship. In Indiana, although Thomas Taggart was not a candidate himself, the candidates he was supporting were lamed because of his support. In Pennsylvania Mr. Penrose had to meet the charge of being a boss, while Mr. Pinchot was attacked because of his connection with William Flynn, the Pittsburgh boss.

But it was in New York the issue took its liveliest phase. Mr. Murphy in the democratic side, Mr. Barnes on the republican side, and Mr. Roosevelt on the bull moose side, each drew a vigorous fire from the enemy. All were denounced as bosses, and the people warned against them.

days if Mr. Pinchot does not succeed Mr. Penrose in the Senate.

New York candidates have been publishing large display advertisements. Metropolitan politicians, like the metropolitan theater, may yet develop its quarrels between the box office and the critics.

Even the catastrophe in Europe cannot destroy the normal interest of the American citizen in his own more peaceful but equally important political business.

Within twenty-four hours preparations for the next election will be actively under way. There is no rest in campaigning.

Willingness of generals for mutual encampment makes present conditions in Mexico appear peculiarly favorable to a dark horse.

The only serious fear entertained by the Panama exposition management is that the prominent foreign nations will not have much left to exhibit.

Italy has some fine cathedrals that it would like to loan out of cannon range as long as possible.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

A Cruel Simile.

"So you don't think much of our friend's pretensions to statesmanship," "Not much," replied Senator Sorghum. "He reminds me of a toy balloon busily engaged in trying to give an imitation of a Zeppelin."

New Version.

"Oh, landlord, all the flaxing bowl!" "I can't," the host protested. "The ex-amen are in control. And I might get arrested."

Practice.

"Is Bliggins intoxicated?" I never saw him walk like that before." "He never drinks a drop. There must be a new dance out."

Additional Attraction.

"I walked seven miles to hear you speak," said the voter. "I appreciate your devotion to the cause."

A Lull.

"You used to say you were in favor of reform." "So I am," replied the statesman. "But you are not talking about it now."

The Bulbul Warbles.

"This poem is affectionately dedicated to a man who once gave me a seat in a street car, even if he did get off at the next corner."

BULBUL OF POHICK.

Election! Oh, Election! Again it has come around. They are making a collection Of ballots thick as leaves on the ground.

Oh, the tree, and the office holder Who have been rooted to this beautiful spot, We say, growing merrily bolder, "Some leave, and some do not!"

Oh, election days are getting better And better year by year. As woman's suffrage doth unfetter Mothers and daughters dear. And the men look happier, too, Singing merrily all the day.

A more joyous future they view, No matter what some folks may say. For bossing a man around the house, Has been woman's rightful occupation. But no longer a man must sit still as a mouse.

And listen to his lady love's oration. For his love no longer need make Her household a place to shun her disposition. When angry, the platform she can take And express her feelings against a politician.

And yet there is something lacking To make happiness complete. Men miss the financial backing That was once so bright and neat. And no longer we are noting "The glad and hopeful thrill!"

When father came home from each voting With a nice, crisp, serviceable two-dollar bill. Father always handed it over When for it mother dear would call. No more election helps us live in clover. Yes, yes! It is the woman who must bear the burden, after all!

From the St. Louis Star.

Germany's Loyalty.

The loyalty and unity of the German people in support of their government in this war cannot be questioned, and, no matter how wrong others may think the government to be, and how responsible for this terrible catastrophe to civilization, they cannot but admire the people of Germany for their devotion to their fatherland. The response to the appeal of the government for help by taking a loan has been marvelous. Already bonds to the amount of \$1,125,000,000 have been subscribed by the people of Germany from their own savings. Foreign countries have not been called upon, save as Germans living abroad have subscribed. This is practically as much as the entire debt of the United States, and we have exactly twice the national wealth of Germany. It would be the same as though the people of the United States reached down into their pockets and paid our national debt twice over inside three months.

Some Prediction.

It requires some optimism to predict the overthrow of a congressional majority of 116, but the republican congressional campaign predictors have been equal to it.

Another Atrocity.

From the New Orleans Times-Picayune.

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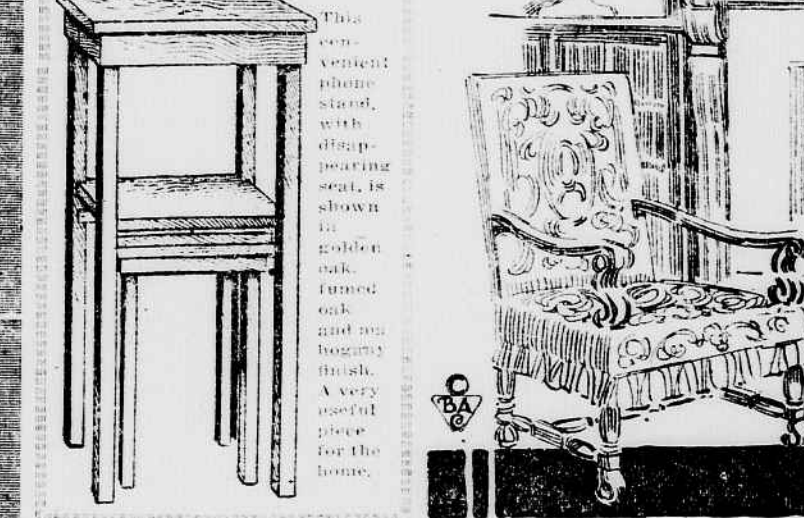
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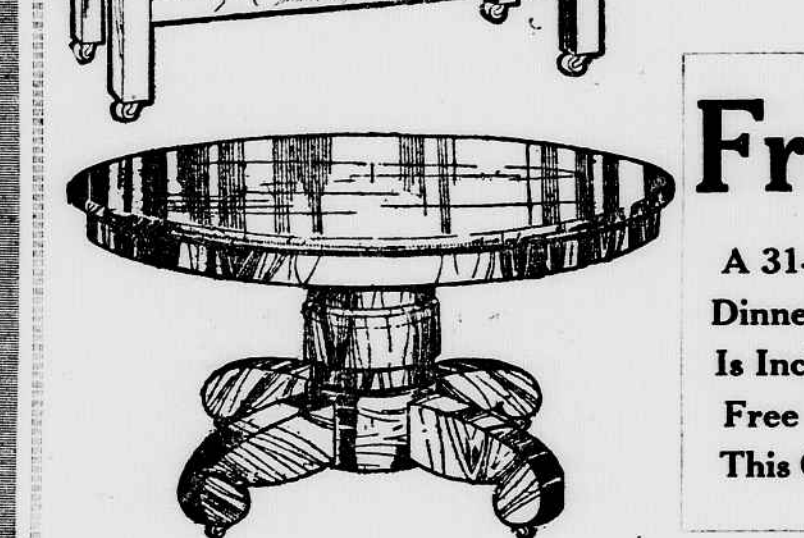
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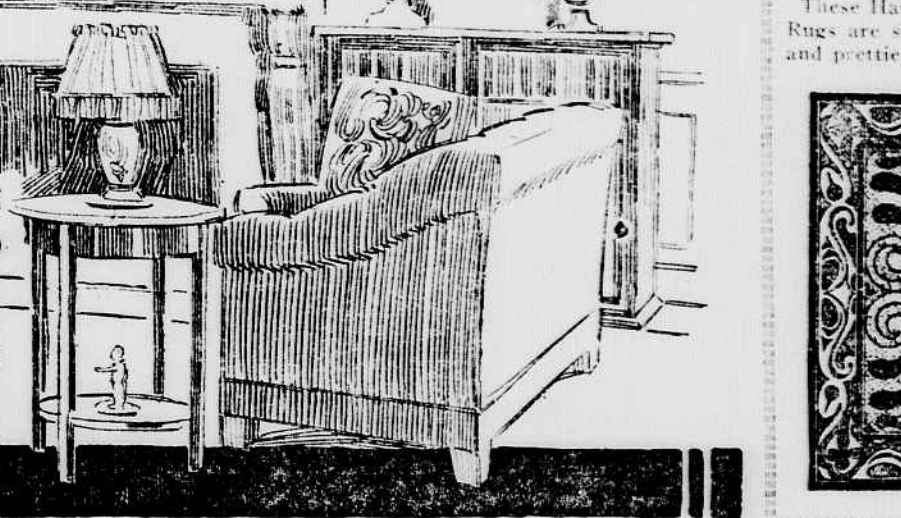
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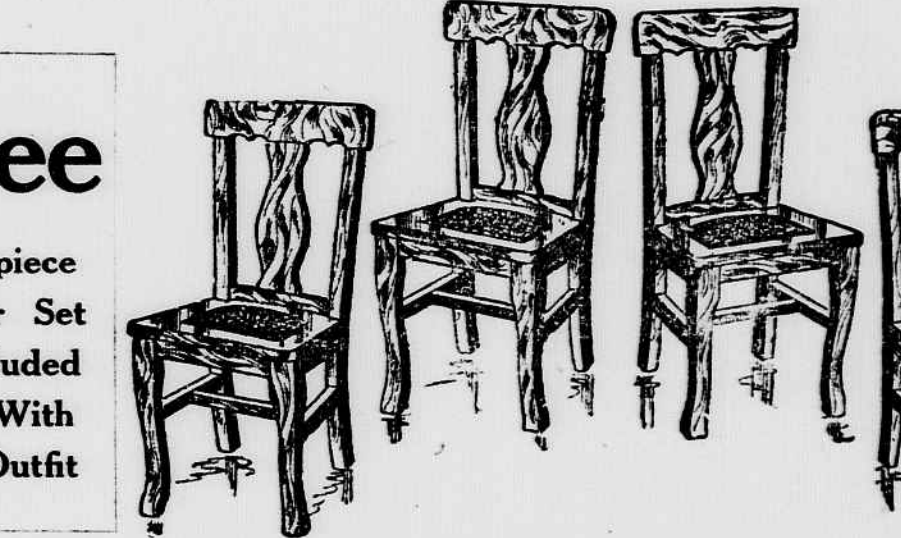
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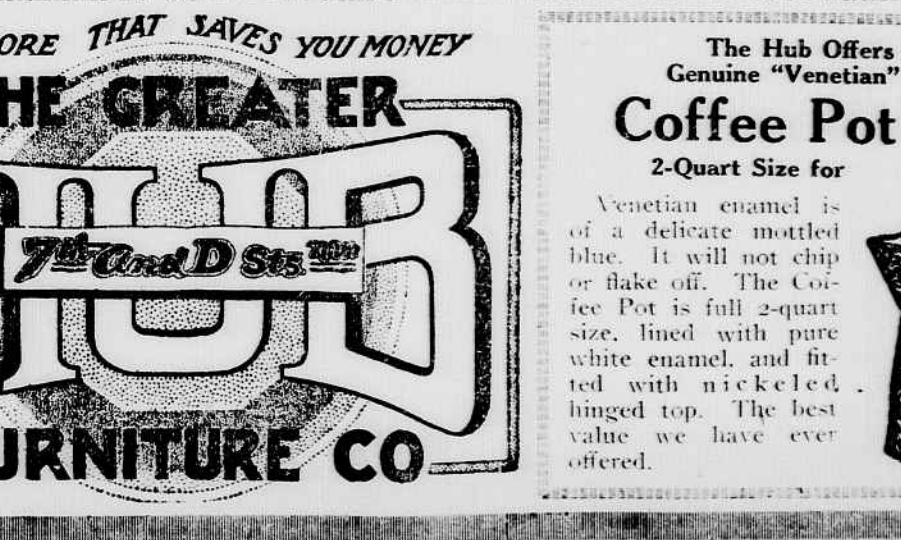


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